

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 6 and 10 claims a system and method for the automatic collection, format consistency, conditioning, and parsing of a closed selective retrieval of television captioned text files originating for geographically diverse television signals, whereby the text files are pushed by the remote captive client to the central server. The closed captioning texts are derived from television news program segments (see spec. pg. 15, last para., claim 1) captured from one or more geographically diverse television signals (see spec. pg. 12, last para.). The closed captioning text is parsed (see spec. pg. 15, last para.) The parsed, decoded, closed captioning texts are conditioned to have consistent formatting regardless of their origin to provide a comprehensive early readable report (see spec. pg. 14, last para., claims 1,6 and 10).

Corey et al. stores closed captioned text that has been captured, into index text records in closed caption storage 72 (Fig. 1). However, the closed caption storage 72 is separate or remotely located from input device 76 (a.k.a., the inquiry client) and monitor 84, which are controlled by a user. Corey et al. does not provide closed caption storage on the input device 76. Corey et al. merely provides a “description of video segments” (emphasis supplied, see ref. nos. 544 and 568, Fig. 5B) in response to user inquiries. The present invention, in marked contrast, provides a remote captive inquiry client, but provides substantively more than a mere description of video segments. Indeed, the present invention

as claimed, unlike Corey et al., provides to a remote inquiry client pushed text files. The text files are formatted and conditioned for consistency regardless of the fact that the texts are derived from geographically diverse television program segments. The client is provided with a comprehensive readily readable report of related formatted text related to the sequencing. This report, in and of itself, is useful in e.g. public relations real time analysis of geographically diverse television programs that adversely or complimentary discuss a particular product or service of interest to the remote inquiry client.

Also, unlike the present invention, the system and method of Corey et al. is, as shown by its title and described in its abstract, expressly for video programming retrieval. Corey et al states:

The evaluator 236 uses video indexing records and their corresponding index text records in determining which index text records match or satisfy the query so that, in step 544, a description of the video segment(s) whose index text record(s) satisfies the query may be presented to the user. Note that the title of the video program containing the closed caption text of the query satisfying index text records(s) may be displayed to the user as part of the output description...In step 532 the requested video segments are retrieved from video/audio storage 40 and displayed on the monitor 80. [emphasis added]

That is, Corey et al. only uses decoded closed captioned text for indexing purposes on a central server (control module 60). Therefore, Corey et al. does not teach or even suggest providing a remote inquiry client (i.e., a user) with

parsed, conditioned, consistently formatted, closed captioning text. Corey fails to disclose or recognize the present invention.

Assuming arguendo that Hullinger may be combined with Corey et al., the resulting combination does not provide the features of the present invention as claimed in this application. The claimed features of the present invention are simply not provided by Hullinger. It appears that Hullinger is relied upon for the sole purpose of establishing that local clients and/or servers, and one or more remote central servers, may be used to transfer analyzed data. Hullinger does not disclose, and is not in any way related to, providing format consistent conditioned closed captioned news text file as a comprehensive readily readable report to remote capture client. Inasmuch as both Corey et al. and Hullinger suffer this fatal deficiency, the claims as amended are manifestly allowable

The applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 6 and 10 to place them in form for allowance and respectfully request that the application now proceed to allowance on the merits. Additionally, the applicants request a one month extension of time to September 21, 2004 to respond to the office action and enclose a check in the amount of \$55.00 for the required fee. In the event that a

credit is forthcoming or additional fees are required, then same may be credited or charged to the undersigned Attorneys Deposit Account 10-0100.

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